



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Buford Middle School
Lancaster County School District
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 495**
Principal: Sheryl H Wells
Superintendent: Richard E. Moore
Board Chair: Robert Parker

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2011	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

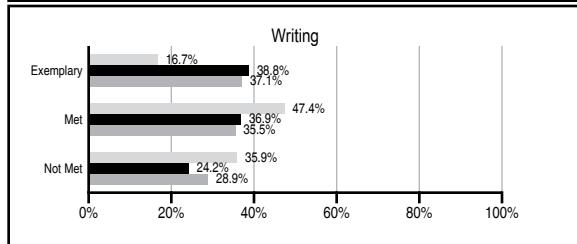
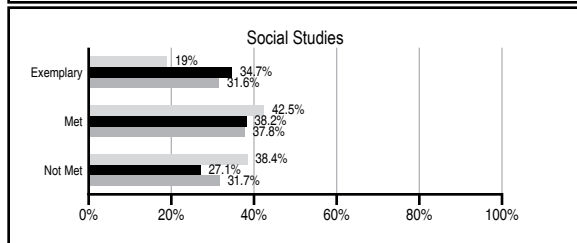
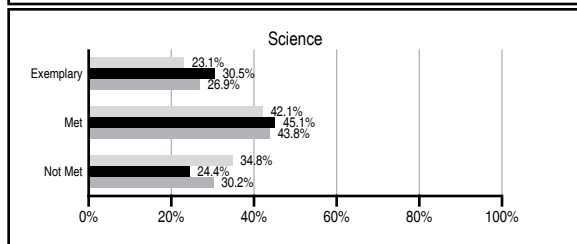
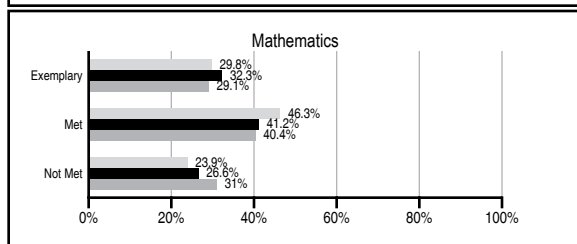
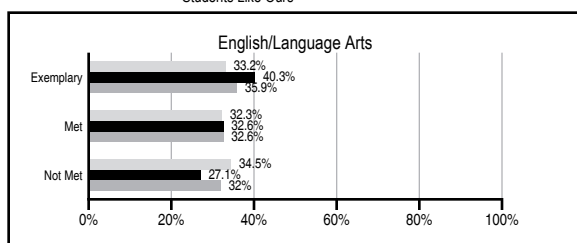
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
8	23	23	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

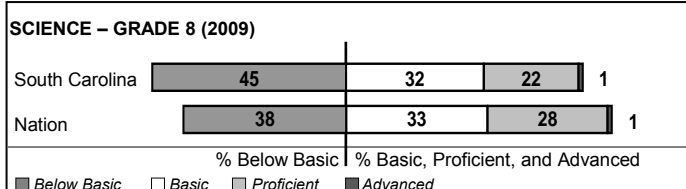
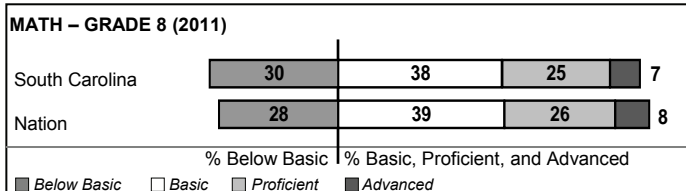
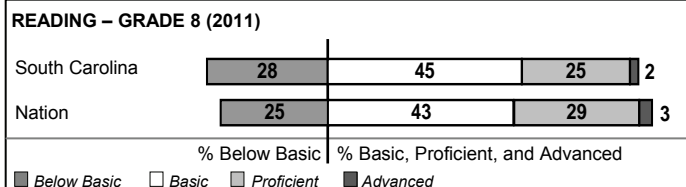
PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School
 Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
 Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	97.3
English 1	N/A	91.4
Physical Science	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	96.7

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=495)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	27.8%	Down from 30.8%	34.7%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.2%	No Change	0.7%	0.8%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 95.2%	96.2%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.9%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=26)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	84.6%	No Change	61.3%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	94.0%	Up from 88.4%	88.2%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 96.1%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,490	Up 4.0%	\$46,986	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.4%	Up from 3.6%	1.1%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	11.2 days	Down from 19.0 days	10.8 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.6 to 1	Up from 21.1 to 1	23.2 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.2%	Down from 89.1%	90.0%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	97.9%	98.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,307	Down 13.1%	\$6,995	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.3%	Down from 67.0%	64.1%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.2%	Down from 65.0%	61.8%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	87.4	N/A	88.1	88.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	27	148	81
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.6%	80.4%	92.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.3%	80.3%	87.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.6%	86.4%	83.8%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Buford Middle School's theme for the 2011-2012 school year was "Learning Through The Decades". Each grade level and team picked a decade to study. Students were exposed to the news, media stars, and music from that decade. Students then presented artwork, music, and dances that portrayed the decade that they were studying.

We completed 2 school wide reads this year. First semester we read The Bystander. This book was about bullying in the middle school and was an excellent way to begin the new year. Second semester we read The Hunger Games and celebrated by taking the entire school to see the movie. Afterwards each grade level wrote about the differences between the print and media version.

Each grade level sponsors a family night each year. Our 8th grade researched different careers and then presented a Career Fair for the community. Our 7th grade studied the Holocaust and then presented a program, The Holocaust in Verse. The 6th grade presented A Day in Medieval Times. This program was complete with a magician, story teller, swords, catapults, and costumes. Each of these events was well sponsored by our parents and community.

We are beginning our 4th year of our Summer Reading Program. Students receive a book prior to the end of school and then can come to our library during the summer and take AR tests and earn field trip points. We want our students to become super readers.

Buford Middle School works very hard to make our students aware of the need of our communities and world. We participated in Relay For Life, March of Dimes Mathathon, and food drives for Hope of Lancaster. We also raised money for medical needs in our community.

We continued to garner many awards. Our band won awards at festivals and contests. We had Duke Tip Scholars and National Junior Scholars. Our chorus presented to a sold out audience. Many of our teachers were recognized as Celebrate Great Teaching nominees. Our teachers wrote and received 7 grants that included everything from science supplies to gym equipment. Our school was also fortunate to receive from the District an I-Pad lab to begin work with next year. We have been named a NetScope school and a Making Middle Grades Work school.

We appreciate the support that our community and parents provide to us. Working together we can achieve great goals.

Sheryl H. Wells – Principal
Mellissa Knight – School Improvement Chair

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